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CLOSING OF BHAVNATHPUR LIME STONE MINES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for closing the Units of Bhavnathpur Lime Stone and Dolomite Mines of the Raw Material Division of SAIL;

(b) the reasons for not sending lime stone and dolomite dumped in Bhavnathpur lime stone mines to Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(c) the quantity (in Matric tonn

(e) of lime stone and Dolomite fixed by Bokaro Steel Plant to be purchased from Bhavnathpur Lime Stone mines during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) No decision has been taken by SAIL to close down Bhavnathpur & Tulsidamar Mines. However, it has been decided to scale down the operations in these two mines in view of poor quality of deposits and high cost of production.

(b) Due to poor quality of material, Bokaro Steel Plant is unable to accept Limestone and Dolomite dumped in Bhavnathpur and Tulsidamar Mines.

(c) The planned quantity of Limestone and Dolomite fixed for Bokaro Steel Plant during 2001-02 vis-Ã -vis the actual off-take by Bokaro Steel Plant upto February, 02 is as follows:

(`000 Tonnes)

MINES	TARGETTED DESPATCH	ACTUAL DESPATCH (UPTO FEB` 02)
Bhavnathpur	85	52
Tulsidamar	400	63